PATENT APPLICATION

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For

Coating Material For Making High Temperature

Resistant Sealing Elements

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D. C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to issuance of the first Office Action in the above-identified application, kindly enter the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

Substitute claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, and 14 as follows for claims of like number:

- 3.(Amended) A coating material according to claim 1, characterized in that the solid lubricant is in particle form, particularly being granular or lamellar, and the solid lubricant particles have a mean particle size of 0.5 to 15 microns.
- 4. (Amended) A coating material according to claim 1, characterized in that the binding agent is present in the coating material in a content of 50% or less by weight of the solids content.

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6. (Amended) A coating material according to claim 1, characterized in that the binding agent can be thermally decomposed above  $700^{\circ}$ C.